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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**U.S. Energy Information Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Extension**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment

**SUMMARY:** EIA has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its information collection, EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research." The proposed collection will utilize qualitative and quantitative methodologies to pretest questionnaires and validate EIA survey forms data quality, including conducting pretest surveys, pilot surveys, respondent debriefings, cognitive interviews, usability interviews, and focus groups.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before ***[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]***. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4718 or contacted by email at [Chad\\_S\\_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the

DOE Desk Officer  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs  
Office of Management and Budget  
New Executive Office Building  
Room 10102, 735 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503.

And to  
Richard J. Reeves  
U.S. Energy Information Administration  
1000 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington D.C. 20585

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Richard Reeves, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Ave, SW, Washington D.C. 20585, phone: 202-586-5856, email: [richard.reeves@eia.gov](mailto:richard.reeves@eia.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No.: 1905-0186;
- (2) Information Collection Request Title: Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research;
- (3) Type of Request: Extension, Without Change, of a Previously Approved Collection;
- (4) Purpose: The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is requesting a three-year approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to utilize qualitative and quantitative methodologies to pretest questionnaires and validate the quality of the data that is collected on EIA survey forms. This authority would allow EIA to conduct

pretest surveys, pilot surveys, respondent debriefings, cognitive interviews, usability interviews, and focus groups. Through the use of these methodologies, EIA will improve the quality of data being collected, reduce or minimize respondent burden, increase agency efficiency, and improve responsiveness to the public. This authority would also allow EIA to improve data collection in order to meet the needs of EIA's customers while also staying current in the evolving nature of the energy industries.

The specific methods proposed for the coverage by this clearance request are:

- Field Testing
- Pilot Surveys
- Respondent Debriefings
- Cognitive Interviews
- Usability Interviews
- Focus Groups;

(5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000;

(6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 1,000;

(7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 1,000;

(8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: There are not any costs associated with these survey methods other than the burden hours.

**Statutory Authority:**

Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, 93, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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